



Do you have your NPI? National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) will be required on claims sent on or after May 23, 2007. Every health care provider needs to get an NPI. Learn more about the NPI and how to apply for an NPI by visiting <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/> on the CMS web site.

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Correction to CR4136: New Waived Tests

CR5131 corrects an incorrect Current Procedural Code (CPT) mentioned in the third sentence of the second paragraph in the background section of the Recurring Update Notification attachment for CR4136. Only this sentence has been revised. All other information remains as it is written in CR4136.

Note: This article was revised on July 11, 2006, to show that the effective date is January 1, 2006 and the implementation date at the top of this page is July 24, 2006. These dates were inadvertently transposed on the original article.

Provider Types Affected

All providers and suppliers billing Medicare carriers for laboratory tests

Background

CR5131 corrects an incorrect Current Procedural Code (CPT) mentioned in the third sentence of the second paragraph in the background section of the Recurring Update Notification attachment for CR4136.

Key Points

This article and CR5131 identifies the correction issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the "Waived Tests:"

- CPT code **82271** was **incorrectly listed** in the second paragraph of the background section of the Recurring Update Notification attachment of CR4136 as not requiring a QW modifier. The CPT code should have been **82272** and it does not require a QW modifier.

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- All other information that outlines which tests require the “QW modifier” and which do not require the “QW modifier” remains the same as listed in CR4136. (The web address for MLN Matters article MM4136 related to CR4136 is <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4136.pdf> on the CMS web site.)

Implementation

The effective date for this instruction was January 1, 2006, and the correction by CR5131 will be implemented on July 24, 2006.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR5131, issued to your Medicare carrier regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R988CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare carrier at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.pdf> on the CMS web site.

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